



Resources and Programs to Combat Antisemitism in K-12 Schools

Anti-Defamation League Pacific Northwest

No Place for Hate®: No Place for Hate initiative is a free student-led initiative for K-12 schools committed to improving school climate. Participating schools sign a No Place for Hate pledge, form a Student Committee, and commit to student-wide activities to promote respect and inclusion. After participation throughout the school year, ADL designates a school as “No Place for Hate.” Learn more and [register here](#).

Words to Action® is an interactive education program designed to help Jewish young people, college students, and adult audiences examine their identities and be equipped with constructive and effective responses to combat antisemitism in their lives, including recognizing the implications of antisemitism on oneself and community, responding to stereotypes, processing internalized antisemitism, and situating antisemitism inside a broader matrix of oppression. Words to Action can be offered virtually or in-person throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Antisemitic Incident Reporting: Please report all incidents of antisemitism and bias to ADL via our incident reporting portal at adl.org/report-incident.

ADL Resources to Address Antisemitism in the K-12 Schools:

- [Antisemitic Incidents: Being and Ally, Advocate and Activist Lesson Plan for Middle and High School](#)
- [6 Tips for Supporting Jewish Students in the Classroom](#)
- [10 Ways to Have Conscientious Conversations on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#)
- [Crisis, Controversy and Activism: Tips and Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Tips for Engaging and Disengaging on Social Media](#)
- [Lesson Plans and Toolkits](#)
- [Antisemitism Mini-Lesson for Educators](#)
- [Anti-Bias Mini Activities for Student Learning](#)

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The Holocaust Center for Humanity

Meeting the Moment: Sessions Applicable for All Teachers

Navigating Discussions about the Israel-Hamas Conflict (and minimizing/avoiding Islamophobic and Antisemitic/dehumanizing language) (60 mins) - The conflict involving Israel and Hamas poses daunting challenges for educators, students and their families. In this engaging session, educators will be empowered to facilitate safe, respectful conversations about the ongoing conflict by better recognizing Islamophobia and antisemitism, and using and applying precise, nuanced language that humanizes; avoiding generalizations, stereotypes and inaccuracies.

Antisemitism Today: Unraveling and Addressing Its Complexities (60-90 minutes) -

Antisemitism is at its highest levels in this country, more than at any other time in recorded



history. We believe the best way to combat antisemitism is through education. This highly engaging workshop helps educators AND students become grounded in the history of antisemitism – including the Holocaust – up to and including its myriad contemporary manifestations. Participants will also gain tools both to recognize and confront antisemitism.

Navigating Critical Conversations and Tough Topics (60-90 minutes) - The polarized nature of our current society can make educators hesitant about bringing potentially controversial issues into the classroom. We fundamentally believe that this is a time not to avoid those topics and conversations, but to lean into them, to model in our classrooms what a healthy democracy looks, sounds, and feels like. Teachers equipped with clear goals, academic resources, and discussion strategies that foster civil discourse can turn their classrooms into model democracies. Centering around [Facing History and Ourselves](#) resources, we will model how to build a reflective and honest classroom that is rooted in identity and belonging, we will examine critical histories and their enduring legacies, and we will practice strategies to design and hold these spaces for students and community members.

Upcoming events can be found [here](#).

Holocaust Center for Humanity K-12 Resources:

- [Resources for School Districts - Holocaust Center for Humanity](#)
- [Processing Attacks in Israel and the Outbreak of War in the Region](#) (Facing History & Ourselves)
- [Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#) (Institute for Curriculum Services)
- [Navigating Misinformation about the Israel-Hamas War](#) (News Literacy Project)
- [Teaching Current Events: Educator Guide](#) (Facing History & Ourselves)
- [Navigating Critical Conversations Guidance](#)
- [Israel-Hamas Glossary](#) (Institute for Curriculum Services)

Stand With Us Northwest

Resources offered for K-12:

Comprehensive Israel Education: We offer presentations, speakers, and materials to help people understand the history of Israel and the Jewish people. Examples include Israel 101, Differentiating between legitimate criticism of Israel and antisemitism; and engaging on social media. Presentations are personalized to every audience.

For high school age audiences, we work in multiple venues, however home-based presentations tend to be the most popular. They allow teens to learn in a comfortable environment with food and their friends.

Guest Educator: We also engage directly with high schools by serving as guest educators in social studies, history, or contemporary world problems classes or by working with the administration on a particular issue. We can help the administration connect with resources for fair presentation of Israel, help them be more sensitive in their communications about Israel, and understand what their Jewish or Israeli-American students need from them.

Israel education for high schoolers. StandWithUs offers two programs: 1) The Leventhal High School Internship is for particularly motivated students. It's a full-year program that includes



two in-person conferences in Los Angeles and StandWithUs' professional support for running Israel events in their local schools and peer groups. 2) The Teen Leadership Council is an abridged version of the Leventhal Internship that takes place twice per year, from Sept-Dec and from Feb-May. It takes place over five Zoom sessions and includes mentorship, networking with other peers, and support from our staff.

Pro Bono Legal Support. StandWithUs has a national network of attorneys who offer to assist with local issues at no charge as needed. While not every incident rises to the level of needing legal support, it's reassuring to know that it's available when needed.

Stand With Us Resources:

- [Free Booklets: Get the facts on over 100 topics by reading our mini-booklets or fact sheets.](#)
- [Video Library](#)
- [All About Hamas](#)
- [Ethnic Studies Tool Kit-](#)
- [StandWithUs Situation Room: Info on the Hamas-Israel war](#)

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Jewish Family Service of Seattle: Israeli Community Services

JFS Israeli Community Services was established to meet the emerging needs of our Israeli neighbors in Washington State. While we may not yet know the enormity of impact we may see in the weeks or months to come, JFS will continue to support the health, well-being, and stability of the local Jewish community during these challenging and uncertain times.

Resources and referrals: We hope this safe landing spot will offer support and connection as needs of the community continue to evolve. The types of support and referrals we may provide are: Food access, financial aid, community integration. Referrals for: Emotional and physical support, student education/childcare, antisemitism and hate crime information and reporting, and legal questions.

Contact: Please email our coordinator at sbuijman@jfsseattle.org to set up a confidential conversation so we can better understand your needs and answer any questions you might have.

Jewish Community Relations Council Resources:

The JCRC convenes and coordinates work in the K-12 space across our community. We connect community members with organizations and resources to support them. We also engage with district and school administrators to advocate for systemic change to address antisemitism in schools. We have curated [this page on our website](#) with a collection of resources.

- [Israel-Hamas War: Educational Resources for Parents & Educators](#)
- <https://childmind.org/guide/helping-children-cope-after-a-traumatic-event/>
- <https://www.jccouncil.org/page/talking-about-israel-hamas-war>
- [Here's How to Talk to Your Kids About the Violence in Israel and Gaza](#) - Kveller



Other Relevant Resources:

- [Support for Classroom Discussion on the Hamas-Israel War](#) - Institute for Curriculum Services
- [Addressing Antisemitic Hate with Students](#) - Learning for Justice
- [Combating Antisemitism in Schools](#)- Edutopia
- [How Gaza Became Israel's Unsolvable Problem](#) - Michael Oren
- [Hamas's Control Over Gaza](#) - Unpacked for Educators
- [Why Does Hamas Fire Rockets into Israel?](#) - Unpacked for Educators
- [Resources for Teaching About Israel in Crisis](#) The Jewish Education Project
- [Educational Resources: Israel at War](#) - The Lookstein Center